



*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

*The Office of the Governor
Proclamation*

*State Capitol
Boise*

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month will be held across the country and in the State of Idaho starting May 1st and ending May 31st; and

WHEREAS, May provides the opportunity to focus our leadership and dedication to the goal of changing mental healthcare in Idaho for the better; and

WHEREAS, every individual deserves a nurturing and safe environment, free from stigma surrounding mental health conditions; and

WHEREAS, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions, and there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in raising public awareness; and

WHEREAS, mental health providers are committed to helping increase personal achievement for all individuals and providing assistance to promote healthy functioning; and

WHEREAS, mental health programs succeed due to partnerships among families, agencies, government, non-profit organizations, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Mental Health Counselors Association, American Mental Health Counselors Association, National Alliance of Mental Health and Mental Health America observe Mental Health Month each May to raise awareness of mental health issues;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 2013 to be

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-third.

A blue ink signature of C.L. "Butch" Otter, written in a cursive style.

**C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR**

A blue ink signature of Ben Ysursa, written in a cursive style.

**BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE**